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1. We feel it is quite possible that alias GRAM was correct in identifying the photograph of Ladek HOCHMANN, born 16 June 1928 in Prague, CBR, as his Czech agent handler, (nm) "NOVOSELY". After HOCHMANN left his post as ARTIA representative at the Czech Trade Mission in Frankfurt, he was assigned to the Czech Culture House in East Berlin and is known to have been in East Berlin since at least May 1960. According to a refugee source, HOCHMANN, who is reportedly married to Jirina HOCHMANOVA nee KOHAROVA (born 15 February 1929 in Prague, CBR) and has one daughter, assumed the duties of acting director of the Culture House when the former director, Josef KUTERA, left for Prague in August 1960. HOCHMANN's principal task, before KUTERA's departure, was general supervision of the employees, which consisted mainly, according to source, in assuring that the employees did not attempt to come into close contact with customers. The source also reported that HOCHMANN resides in Berlin/Reichow, apparently has a good marriage and does not drink. We have had indications since March 1961 that a (nm) SIKHNEK (phonetic) has taken over direction of the Culture House. HOCHMANN is believed to be still employed there.

2. We have received an unconfirmed report that Robert SHER, Attache of the Czech Embassy in East Berlin, departed PCS for Prague on 1 May 1961.

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THIER apparently was in Berlin in March, but our most recent positive trace is dated 7 February 1961. We are, therefore, particularly interested in alias GRAM's reaction when GAMES shows him THIER's picture in the photo album.

3. Concerning Wolfgang KLAUS, Regierungsrat with the Landesgerichtsrat, Berlin/Lichterfelde, we presume that GAMES has the following information:

Heinz Wolfgang KLAUS
Born 27 February 1920 in Leipzig, Germany

Judge and a German citizen, married to Klavdia KLAUS nee SCHNEIDER widowed KREHLEN, born 6 September 1914 in Leipzig, Germany, moved from Leipzig on 19 April 1950 to Berlin/Steglitz, Lehnbeckenstrasse 14, on 1 April 1954 to Berlin/Tempelhof, Jochenstrasse 14, and on 12 March 1958 to his current residence, Berlin/Friedrich, Wandlitzallee 12. KLAUS has no phone. The following individuals reside at the same address as KLAUS:

Gitta BOUTATKE
Hans-Dietrich BOUTATKE
Leo HILTZ
Eva HILTZ
Hans-Joachim HILTZ
Hans HILTZ
Klaus HILTZ

Edmund BAUER
Karl-Heinz BAUER
Hans-Joachim BAUER
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